
COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

- ☒ original.
☐ design.
☐ supplemental.
☐ national stage of PCT.
☐ divisional.
☐ continuation.
☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

SMALL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE OBJECTS

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

(Complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on _____, as ☐ Serial No. 0 / _____
or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____, filed on _____
and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

(also check the following items, if desired)

☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

☐ in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☒ such applications have been filed as follows.

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION

AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

| COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT) | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| JAPAN | 9-287541 | 12 SEPT 1997 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JAPAN | 9-291470 | 18 SEPT 1997 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JAPAN | 9-370005 | 19 DEC 1997 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
(34 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER

FILING DATE

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S)
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

☐ I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any prior United States Applications or PCT International Application designating the United States.

| PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120: | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| U.S. APPLICATIONS | | | Status (Check one) | | |
| U.S. APPLICATIONS | U.S. FILING DATE | | PATENTED | PENDING | ABANDONED |
| 1. 0 / _____ | _____ | | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. 0 / _____ | _____ | | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. 0 / _____ | _____ | | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. | | | | | |
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| 5. _____ | _____ | 0 / _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | 0 / _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and /or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Registration No.

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(check the following item, if applicable)

- ☐ Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

Full name of sole or first inventor

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Date

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(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s))

that form a part of this declaration)

☐ Signature for forth and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added _____

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☐ Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor.
Number of pages added _____

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☐ Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR 1.47.
Number of pages added _____

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☐ Added page for signature by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 CFR 1.47)

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☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

☐ Number of pages added _____

* * *

☐ Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

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(If no further pages form a part of this Declaration, then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)

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Attorney's Docket No.

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PATENT

Applicant or Patentee: HIROSHI ABE and NOBORU ICHIHARA

Application or Patent No.: / Unknown

Filed or Issued: Herewith

For: SMALL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE OBJECTS

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))—SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern ASAHI SEIKO CO., LTD.

Address of Concern 24-15, Minami Aoyama 2-chome

Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third-party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to, and remain with, the small business concern identified above, with regard to the invention entitled

SMALL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE OBJECTS

by inventor(s) HIROSHI ABE and NOBORU ICHIHARA

described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ application no. / _____, filed _____
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c), if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Name _____

Address _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Name _____

Address _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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